

**UUCM Board of Trustees
Minutes
Sept. 14, 2022**

Present: Nancy Burton, Trish Schneider, Janet Hiller, Rev. Tony Lorenzen

The meeting was held via Zoom at 6:30pm.

The **minutes of the Sept. 1 meeting were approved** by consensus.

Treasurer's report:

- There was no financial report.
- Elaine Donovan is receiving training to be Treasurer.
- Tim O'Brien will do Servant Keeper data entry, including updating membership and entering weekly deposits; he'll also send quarterly statements.
- On hold: reviewing list of key holders to get back keys from people who no longer need them.
- Census Bureau 2022 health insurance cost study: Trish verified that this is legitimate. It seems not to be a requirement; we will ignore it for now.
- Trish hasn't yet ordered oil for this fiscal year. She'll do it soon (\$4.49 per gallon).

Sept. 18 Potluck Picnic and Congregational Conversation:

- Make COVID masking optional?
- Volunteers for Pastoral Care.
- Request donations to the Pastoral Care Fund, which has only \$560 at present.
- Review decisions on next FY's direction.
- Volunteers to help with Property management.
- Leadership positions open for next FY.
- Time and Talent survey for congregants who weren't present on June 5.

Fire Department requirements:

- "Dungeon" door has been repaired so it closes properly.
- Stairwell is being cleared of objects that impede egress.
- Emergency lights: We have some batteries to replace dead ones and will order more.
- (Related: Need to reimagine storage space for tag sale items.)

Future of UUCM:

- Rev. Tony will talk with Rev. Josh Pawelek tomorrow re: how we might connect with the Manchester congregation.
- No date set yet for next meeting with Rev. Carolyn Patierno (All Souls New London).

Diversity Rally Sat. Sept. 17:

- Rev. Tony will do Invocation and, later, talk about why we're all gathered .
- Mt. Hebron Choir will perform.

Search for accompanist:

- Nancy will speak to the two piano teachers she knows.
- Janet reported that Bob Muir has someone to ask.

Rev. Tony's Contract:

- MUUS agrees to a Memo of Understanding while we wait for UUA advice re: retirement payments by our two churches.
- TIAA has to be consulted.
- Trish is making quarterly payments for our share of Rev. Tony's FY '23 retirement.

FYI:

- Rev. Tony plans to work in Meriden one day a week (usually Wed.)
- Crystal Harrington is interested in becoming a member but doesn't want to do the ceremony.
- Two other new people may be interested in joining.
- The Sept. 28 Board meeting will be held at church at 10am. Nancy will send a notice to the newsletter.

Tasks:

- Trish will order 1000 gallons of oil.
- Trish will ask whether MUUS also received the Census Bureau insurance study survey.
- Nancy will contact two local piano teachers re: possible accompanist.
- Nancy will send a notice to the newsletter re: Board meeting Sept. 28 at 10am at the church.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm. **Next meeting: Sept. 28 at 10 am at the church.**

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hiller